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For: METHOD FOR COLORING CELLULOSE

FIBER AND COLORED CELLULOSE FIBER

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Examiner: A. S. Khan

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Zhi-cheng YU - Study on the Preparation, Structure and the Properties of the Deodorizing and Antibacterial Cellulose Fiber - see English abstract on page 465 of the document.

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